

Grant County Weed Board Meeting

March 20th, 2018

President Jeff called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Jeff Dahners, Matt Neiderman, Leonard Gerhardt, Eddy Ulrich, Dick Woodbury, Denis Tibor, and Merlin Leithold, weed officer.

Secretary's Report: Leonard moved to approve the secretary's report, as presented, Matt second the motion, M/C.

Treasurer's Report: No report and no bills for tonight

Old Business:

Convention Update: Merlin gave a brief update from the past NDWCA Convention, held January 8-11 at the Ramada I Bismarck. Merlin passed out convention booklets to better explain the convention.

Ag Shows: Dow again sponsored the booth for KFVR Agri-International. Merlin watched the booth on Wednesday. The Grant County Ag Show is tomorrow, and we will have a booth. A new weed, Narrowleaf Hawksbeard is invading North Dakota from Canada and Montana from the northwest.

Spray tower update: Merlin gave a spray tower update. The tower is on and working. Used water last fall to try it out before winterizing. There is an oil leak by the pump. Will take it to Pump Systems later when it warms up, and have it looked at. Merlin would like a separate tank to place the chemical in and mix while filling water. Will get a price and bring back to the April meeting.

Spraying trees in ditches and by bridges: After much discussion on what the county commissioners actually want, it was decided to have Merlin set up a time to meet with them. The entire board should try and make it.

New Business:

Reorganization of the board: Jeff turned the meeting over to Merlin who then asked for nominations for President. Matt nominated Jeff. No other nominations. Dick moved that nominations cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff. Leonard seconded the motion. M/C Congratulations Jeff.

Merlin then turned the meeting back to Jeff. Jeff asked for nominations for Vice – President. Dick nominated Eddy. No other nominations. Dick moved that nominations cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Eddy. Matt seconded the motion. M/C Congratulations Eddy.

Denis moved that the board reappoint Lynn as the board secretary. Eddy seconded the motion. M/C Congratulations Lynn.

Chemical Bids: Merlin passed around a letter he received from CPS/ Bill Walker. The letter indicates that the chemical bid remained the same from last year. Milestone did not have an increase. So that is good news. Therefore, we did not have to advertise again, as last year we accepted the bid contingent on two years if the price remained the same.

	<u>CPS</u>
Amine	\$9.20/gal
Tordon22K	\$44.40/gal – 1 or 2 ½ gal containers
Liberate	\$20/gal in 2 ½ & \$22/gal in 1 gal containers
MSO	\$10.90/gal
Plateau	\$96/gal
Curtail	\$36.80/gal
Milestone	\$70.75/quart
Recycle Jugs	Yes

Annual Report: Merlin went over the annual report. Denis moved to accept the report, Leonard seconded the motion. M/C

Contract Sprayer Advertising: Merlin will run ads in the Eido and the Grant County News. Not sure about MidDakota. Merlin mentioned that Dakota Helicopter had expresses some interest. They have ground equipment and use the copter. They charge by the acre. Merlin will contact them for more information, and invite them to our next meeting if they are still interested.

Ad for ditches: Merlin will run an ad in the paper when we get closer to spraying, letting landowners know, to where if they have concerns, they can contact Merlin. Merlin does this annually. It also goes in the newsletter.

DOT Contract: The DOT contract for 2018 stayed the same up to \$9,000, chemical and labor. Dick moved to accept the contract, Eddy seconded the motion. M/C

Next Meeting – April 17th, 8:00 pm, MDT, at the courthouse in Carson.

Denis moved to adjourn the meeting, Leonard seconded the motion. M/C
Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Merlin Leithold, Acting Secretary



Jeff Dahners, President

